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PROCUREMENT OF OILSEEDS BY NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAFED has not made any provision for procurement of oilseeds including mustard oil from the farmers due to shortage of godowns in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereon; and

(c) the details of agricultural products procured by NAFED during the last three years and the current year, State and yearwise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. NAFED is one of the central nodal agencies of Government of India for procurement of oilseeds and pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS). NAFED procures oilseeds in whole form under the Scheme. As and when the prices fall below the declared Minimum Support Price (MSP), procurement is undertaken by NAFED at MSP. The reason for not undertaking purchases of oilseeds under PSS in a particular crop season is not due to shortage of godowns in the country but due to rates of oilseeds ruling above the MSP. Besides, the State Governments are required to comply with the PSS guidelines before PSS operations are undertaken.

(c): A statement indicating the details of agricultural products procured by NAFED during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise is annexed.